

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 were pending in this case. During a telephone conversation with the Examiner on July 5, 2006, a provisional election was made with traverse by this attorney for examination of claims 1-14, and claims 15-27 were withdrawn.

Claims 1-14 were rejected. Independent claim 1 has been amended to clarify the present invention in response to the Examiner's comments and her supervising Examiner's comments during a telephone discussion on December 13, 2007. The time and effort in discussing the present invention is appreciated. Claims 2 and 3 have been canceled and their limitations included in the amended claim 1. No new matter is introduced by the amendments. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of the pending claims and pass the application to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,



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